

SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A cable fastener for securely fastening an electrical cable to a wide face of a wall stud in preparation for wall board covering of a narrow face of the wall stud, comprising:

- a. a rectilinear, planar frame with first and second ends, first and second sides, and a predetermined length, the frame being constructed of plastic,
- b. a rectilinear planar plastic leg communicatively connected to and unitary with the frame at the first end and extending outwardly at a right angle therefrom towards the first side of the frame, the leg being adapted for flat coupling contact with and against the wide face of the wall stud, the leg having a flat area with an aperture disposed centrally in the flat area adapted for connection with a screw or nail penetrating into the wall stud

c. a plastic lock member connected to and unitary with the frame at a predetermined location on the second side of the frame, the lock member having:

- (i) a post extending from the frame,
- (ii) a bracket depending from the post at a right angle, and
- (iii) a lip depending from the bracket to form a mating coupling notch, the post being disposed at least 1 5/8 inches from the first end of the frame; and

d. a plastic flexible arm connected to and unitary with the frame at the second end and being disposed on the second side of the frame, the arm having first and second ends and a curvilinear configuration defining a substantially cylindrical passage with open ends adapted to receive the electrical cable in use, the cylindrical passage being oriented parallel with the plane of the leg, the first end of the arm being pivotally connected near at the second end of the frame, the arm extending back toward the first end of the frame on the second side of the frame, the second end of the arm having a bracket that depends from the end of the arm at a right angle and a lip that depends from the bracket at a right angle to form a second coupling mating notch which is releasably couplable to the mating coupling notch of the lock member, whereby in operation, the passage is adapted to be disposed approximately at least 1 5/8 inches away from the wide face of the wall stud to maintain the cable a safe distance away from a sharp nail or screw fastener intended to be penetrate wall board covering and a narrow face of the wall stud, and the passage orients the fastened cable substantially parallel with the wall stud.